

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

GOOGLE LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-10260-DLC

DMITRY STAROVIKOV;

ALEXANDER FILIPPOV;

Does 1-15,

Defendants.

JOINT RULE 26(F) REPORT

Plaintiff Google LLC (“Google”) and Defendants Dmitry Starovikov and Alexander Filippov (“Defendants,” together with Google, the “parties”) jointly submit the following Rule 26(f) Report and Discovery Plan.

The parties conferred telephonically on May 6, 18, and 27, 2022. As directed by the Court, the parties conferred about the feasibility of “settlement, whether the defendants are willing to consent to the entry of a permanent injunction, and each of the other subjects to be considered at Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 conference,” and prepared a “detailed written proposed schedule for any motions and discovery” pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f). ECF 63. The parties respectfully submit the following proposed discovery plan along with the parties’ proposed case schedule enclosed as Exhibit A.

A. Initial Disclosures – Rule 26(f)(3)(A)

The parties will serve initial disclosures pursuant to Rule 26(a) no later than June 10, 2022. The parties agree that the initial disclosures will take the form prescribed in Rule 26(a), and that Defendants’ initial disclosures will include each individual and entity involved in Defendants’ business activities described in the Complaint (ECF 5) and Defendants’ Declarations (ECF 47-2, 47-3), including for each the name, current contact information, and a description of the individual’s or entity’s role(s) in Defendants’ business activities.

B. Subjects of Discovery and Discovery Completion – Rule 26(f)(3)(B)

1. Subjects of Discovery

The parties agree that they should “conduct expeditious and targeted discovery” to resolve the case as efficiently as possible. *See* ECF 62 at 32. The parties agree that fact discovery in this action should be phased. The first phase of fact discovery will focus on identifying the Doe Defendants and their roles in Defendants’ business activities described in the Complaint and Defendants’ Declarations. Within five business days of Defendants’ initial disclosures, Google will serve targeted discovery requests for the purpose of obtaining any additional information necessary to amend the Complaint to include any additional named defendants. If no such individuals are identified in this first phase of fact discovery, Google intends to renew its motion for default judgment and a permanent injunction against the Doe Defendants.

Once this first phase of discovery is complete, including the resolution of any disputes regarding such discovery, the parties anticipate additional, targeted discovery regarding the parties’ respective claims and defenses.

2. Fact Discovery

The parties’ proposed case schedule, including the deadlines for fact discovery, is enclosed as Exhibit A.

3. Expert Discovery

The parties’ proposed case schedule, including the deadlines for expert discovery, is enclosed as Exhibit A.

C. Disclosure, Discovery, or Preservation of ESI – Rule 26(f)(3)(C)

The parties anticipate that the scope of discovery will include Electronically Stored Information (“ESI”). The parties will request ESI in the form or forms that facilitate efficient review of ESI. The parties reserve all rights in this regard, but affirm their obligations under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including as to the preservation of relevant evidence.

D. Privilege – Rule 26(f)(3)(D)

The parties agree that they will serve privilege logs in accordance with the guidelines set forth in Local Civil Rule 26.2 no later than 45 days after the production from which the document was withheld, unless otherwise agreed. The parties further agree that privileged or otherwise protected communications with outside counsel after the date of the respective party’s first appearance in this action need not be logged. The parties also agree that they have reserved all rights to challenge any privilege claims, whether described on privilege logs or otherwise.

E. Limitations on Discovery – Rule 26(f)(3)(E)

The parties agree that the first phase of fact discovery will be limited as set forth herein. The parties reserve their respective rights to meet and confer regarding the scope of discovery to commence after the conclusion of the first phase of fact discovery, and prior to serving discovery requests beyond those contemplated by the first phase of fact discovery. Google’s position is that any discovery after the first stage of fact discovery should be limited to the remaining factual issues identified by the Court in its Opinion and Order: (1) Defendants’ claimed “lack [of] knowledge of the criminal schemes that Google alleges they control”; (2) Defendants’ claim that they “did not intend to target U.S. users”; and (3) Defendants’ claim that “user

participation in their services is entirely legitimate and voluntary.” ECF 62 at 11. Defendants’ position is that any discovery after the first stage of fact discovery should not be so limited, and should include Google’s investigation of the Defendants, and any matters and issues related to the same.

F. Other Orders That the Court Should Issue – Rule 26(f)(3)(F)

The parties will do their best to present a stipulated protective order to the Court. The parties agree that neither side should exchange confidential documents under Rule 26(a)(1)(A)(ii) until a protective order is entered in this case.

G. Other Matters

1. Settlement

The parties discussed settlement and “whether the defendants are willing to consent to the entry of a permanent injunction.” ECF 63. Defendants have declined to consent to any permanent injunction.

2. Consent to Magistrate Judge

The parties do not consent to proceed before a magistrate judge.

3. Joinder of Parties and Amendment of Pleadings

Google may amend its Complaint to add named defendants if discovery identifies additional individuals. The parties propose that the deadline for amendments to the pleadings as of right be thirty (30) days from the completion of the first phase of fact discovery, including the resolution of any disputes regarding such discovery. Google reserves all of its rights to seek leave to amend the Complaint.

4. Service of Pleadings and Discovery

The parties agree that as to all parties who have appeared in this action, all papers and discovery material not filed with the Court via CM/ECF shall be served via email and/or FTP on

counsel of record for each party, except to the extent that electronic service is not practically available for any particular discovery material, in which case service shall be made to counsel of record for the opposing party(ies) at the following locations:

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5. Pretrial Submissions

The parties jointly request that pretrial matters, including the deadline for witness lists and other pretrial submissions, be deferred until after the Court's resolution of summary judgment motions.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**EXHIBIT A
PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

Event	Proposed Deadline
Initial Pretrial Conference	June 1, 2022
Initial Disclosures Served	June 10, 2022
Google Serves Discovery Requests for the First Phase of Fact Discovery	June 17, 2022
Remaining Fact Discovery Commences	Immediately following completion of the first phase of fact discovery
Deadline for Amending Pleadings as of Right	30 days following completion of the first phase of fact discovery
Close of Fact Discovery	October 3, 2022
Expert Reports from Parties Bearing the Burden on an Issue	November 4, 2022
Rebuttal Expert Reports	December 9, 2022
Reply Expert Reports	January 9, 2023
Motion(s) for Summary Judgment	February 17, 2023, or earlier by consent of the parties or with the Court's leave
Opposition(s) to Motion(s) for Summary Judgment	March 20, 2023
Reply(ies) in Support of Motion(s) for Summary Judgment	April 10, 2023